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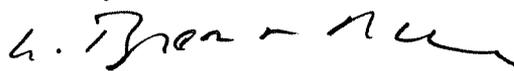
Ms. Beth A. O'Donnell, Executive Director  
Public Service Commission  
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RE: **Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Cell Facility on Wellhope School Road, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky PSC Case No. 2004-00340 (Wellhope Facility)**

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed for filing please find correspondence forwarded to Clarence and James Decker and Diana James, adjoining property owners in the above-referenced case. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



W. Brent Rice  
Counsel for Verizon Wireless

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Enclosures

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**RE: Public Service Commission of Kentucky  
Case No. 2004-00340 (The Wellhope Facility)  
Your Correspondence forwarded to the Commission dated  
September 18, 2004**

Dear Gentlemen and Ms. James:

Thank you for forwarding me copies of your letters forwarded to the Executive Director's office of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky dated September 18, 2004 in regard to the above-referenced case number.

As I previously informed you, I represent Verizon Wireless in this matter and I am pleased to provide you with additional information which hopefully will resolve your concerns.

For your additional information, Verizon Wireless proposes to construct this particular facility in Rockcastle County in order to provide enhanced wireless communications services in your area. The proposed facility will not only accommodate many of your neighbors and individuals traveling through this area of Rockcastle County, it will also accommodate physicians, emergency medical personnel and others that are vital to your community. The proposed facility is the only facility which will be suitable in this area as the other tower owned by Crown Communications is not satisfactory for collocation purposes due to certain coverage and engineering requirements. The proposed tower will accommodate other carriers in the future if they desire to locate in this particular area of Rockcastle County.

In specific response to your environmental concerns, I would like to inform you that Verizon Wireless, and other carriers for that matter, are required to adhere to stringent Federal Communications Commission and Federal Aviation Administration rules governing tower construction, maintenance and safety. A typical tower emits 100 watts of power or less. Those in urban areas such as the proposed tower may emit as little as 10 watts of power. In contrast, a television tower emits up to 5,000,000 watts, while a commercial radio station tower operates at up to 100,000 watts. Local police and fire department towers produce up to 500 watts of power. In fact, the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act prohibits local governments from establishing local safety or environmental standards for human exposure to radio frequency emissions.

The proposed tower has been designed and will be built to current national standards which are as reliable as surrounding structures. The design of the proposed tower has been prepared by a registered engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has certified its design is within appropriate guidelines and standards. In the very unlikely event of failure of the tower mast, all of the debris would most likely lie within a circle whose center is the tower base and whose radius is no more than 60% of the tower height, well outside the vicinity of your property. Finally, your concern that your property will decline in value due to the unsightliness of this proposed tower is understood, however, I can tell you that there are numerous appraisals concluding otherwise, and in fact, considerable testimony has been entered before the Public Service Commission establishing that a decline in value will not occur.

I am hopeful that these comments have addressed your concerns and you have a better explanation of the tower and the standards in which it is designed and built as well as the environmental impact. If I can be of further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to give me a call at our firm's Lexington office.

Sincerely,

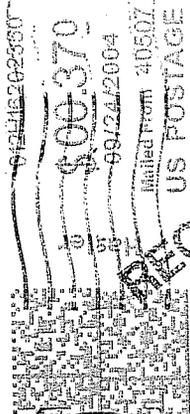
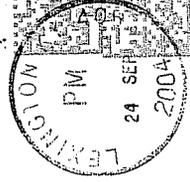


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